

Watchful Waiting & Safety-Net Antibiotic Prescription

Watchful waiting (WW)/ Safety-Net Antibiotic Prescription (SNAP):

- Joint decision between provider and caregiver
- Must have close follow-up (within 48-72 hours) if SNAP not given
- Must be able to fill antibiotic prescription if signs/symptoms worsen or fail to improve in 48-72 hours from onset of symptoms

***** If using SNAP, please place a comment in prescription instructions (fill upon patient request)*****

These guidelines do not establish a standard of care to be followed in every case. It is recognized that each case is different and those individuals involved in providing health care are expected to use their judgment in determining what is in the best interests of the patient based on the circumstances existing at the time. It is impossible to anticipate all possible situations that may exist and to prepare guidelines for each. Accordingly these guidelines should guide care with the understanding that departures from them may be required at times.